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SUBJ ICEM AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. RECENT ARTICLE IN LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH STATED WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCC IN GENEVA IS CIRCULATING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION AGAINST WHITE IMMIGRATION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA AS PART OF WCC PROGRAM TO COMBAT RACISM. AMONG RECOMMENDATIONS IS ONE CALLING ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) TO CEASE ARRANGING TRANSPORT OF SUCH WHITE MIGRANTS, TERMED "COLLABORATION IN SUPPORT OF APARTHEID, "AND A RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE SOUTH AFRICA FROM ICEM MEMBERSHIP.

2. ACCORDING TO WCC PRESS RELEASE DATED JAN 10 (UPON WHICH TELEGRAPH ARTICLE APPARENTLY BASED) GROUP OF 13 EXPERTS FROM CHURCH AND MIGRATION AGENCIES HELD WCC-SPONSORED CONSULTATION IN DECEMBER TO STUDY MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING A 1972 CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CAMPAIGNS TO DISCOURAGE WHITE MIGRATION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. CONSULTATION GROUP RECOMMENDED:

A. EXPLORATION OF POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST MIGRATION OF WHITE LABOR TO SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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B. ENDORSEMENT OF UN/OAU OSLO CONSULTATION PROPOSAL LAST

APRIL PROHIBITING OPERATION OF MIGRANT RECRUITMENT ORGANIZATIONS.

C. HOLDING OF NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS.

D. CAMPAIGN TO STOP CORPORATIONS FROM TRANSFERRING WHITE PERSONNEL TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN SUBSIDIARIES.

E. CESSATION OF ICEM ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND EXCLUSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP.

3. PRESS RELEASE STATES THAT ALTHOUGH ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT OFFICIAL WCC POLICY, THEY HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO MEMBER CHURCHES FOR INFORMATION AND REACTION.

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